

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE**

GEORGE JOHN BYRD,

Petitioner,

v.

JOHNNY FITZ,

Respondent.

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No. 3:23-CV-067-DCLC-JEM

JUDGMENT ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the memorandum opinion filed herewith, this prisoner's pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is **DENIED**, and this action is **DISMISSED**. A certificate of appealability **SHALL NOT ISSUE**. Because the Court **CERTIFIED** in the memorandum opinion that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, should Petitioner file a notice of appeal, he is **DENIED** leave to appeal *in forma pauperis*. See Fed. R. App. P. 24.

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to close the file.

SO ORDERED.

s/Clifton L. Corker

United States District Judge

ENTERED AS A JUDGMENT

s/LeAnna Wilson

CLERK OF COURT